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Please find attached a proposed agenda for an interview regarding the above-listed application. The interview is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 4:00 PM**. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

  
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## Proposed Agenda for Examiner Interview

- Discuss the proposed amendments, examples of which are provided below, and the references in light of the amendments. The proposed amendments include three clarified aspects:
  - o User input information including a recipient telephone number that is then used to make a determination of whether a recipient is a subscriber or whether a recipient device is compatible with the content. The cited references, specifically LaVallee (2004/0039781) appear to disclose authenticating a user using a user name or public/private key authentication.
  - o Determining whether a recipient is a subscriber to a service associated with the content sharing system based on the recipient telephone number, and formatting a message based on the determination. The references do not appear to disclose this aspect.
  - o Determining whether a recipient device is compatible with content based on the recipient telephone number, and formatting a message based on the determination. The references do not appear to disclose this aspect.
- Discuss the application of the cited references to the specific aspect of and formatting a message based on the determinations described above. The office action asserts that Ko and LaVallee disclose or suggest this aspect, however it is unclear to applicants how these references disclose this aspect.
- Discuss any other possible grounds for further amendments and facilitating prosecution.

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Example amended claims:

1. (Currently amended) In a first telecommunications system having at least one network gateway coupled among multiple mobile devices and a network, and wherein a content sharing system and a content provider are also coupled to the network, a method of sharing content between a user and a recipient, both of whom have a mobile device having access to the network, the method comprising:

receiving a request message, wherein the request message is generated, at least in part, by the content provider, the request message comprising:

information identifying the content sharing system, and information identifying content provided by the content provider, wherein the user selected the identified content as content that the user wishes to share with the recipient;

providing a user input form for display to the user, wherein the user input form includes a request for the user to identify the recipient;

receiving user input information comprising a recipient telephone number submitted by the user via the user input form;

determining ~~that whether~~ the recipient is ~~one of~~ a subscriber to a service associated with the content sharing system ~~and a subscriber to a second telecommunications system~~ based on the recipient telephone number; and

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~~based on at least one of the received information and the determination that the recipient is one of the subscriber to the service associated with the content sharing system and the subscriber to the second telecommunications system; generating a content share message for transmittal to the mobile device of the recipient, wherein the content share message includes an indication of the identified content that the user wishes to share with the recipient, wherein,~~

if the recipient is the subscriber to the service associated with the content sharing system, generating the content share message in a first protocol, and

if the recipient is not the subscriber to the second telecommunications service associated with the content sharing system, generating the content share message in a second protocol.

17. (Currently amended) At a content provider system, a method of sharing content among users of mobile devices interconnected within one or more mobile telecommunication networks, wherein at least some of the users subscribe to a mobile service provided by a first mobile service provider, the method comprising:

generating a user-selectable share content option as part of content available for access by users of mobile devices, wherein the user-selectable share content option facilitates sharing the content with other users of mobile devices, and wherein the user-selectable share content option is based on an application program interface provided in association with a content sharing application of the first mobile service provider;

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providing the content, including the user-selectable share content option, to a device of a user, wherein the content can then be shared with a recipient device via the content sharing application of the first mobile service provider;

receiving a request to share the content with the recipient device comprising a recipient device telephone number;

determining, based on the recipient telephone number, whether that the recipient device is one of a subscriber to a service associated with the content sharing system and a subscriber to a second mobile service provider compatible with the content; and

based on the determination that of whether the recipient device is one of the subscriber to the service associated with the content sharing system and the subscriber to the second mobile service provider compatible with the content, generating a content share message for transmittal to the recipient device, wherein

if the recipient device is the subscriber to the service associated with the content sharing system compatible with the content, generating the content share message in a first protocol, and

if the recipient device is the subscriber to the second mobile service provider not compatible with the content, generating the content share message in a second protocol.

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